



## The Ploughman.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1869.

MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The Legislative Committee on Agriculture, gave a public hearing Friday last to all persons interested in the application of the Board of Trustees to the Legislature, for an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars to aid in the successful prosecution of the institution.

President William S. Clark was the first person who appeared before the committee in behalf of the College. He gave a general statement of the origin and growth of the College. The Government of the College endorses it, the State accepting the endorsement on the conditions of the grant; the citizens of Amherst, encouraged by inducements held out by the State, gave seventy thousand dollars to aid in purchasing a farm and buildings for the location. The State is pledged to the national government and to the citizens of Amherst, at the faithful performance of the work it is undertaken, to wit: the establishment of an Agricultural College in full working order.

The establishment of the College was after all dependent on the part of the Legislature, but on the part of the press and the people; and I finally agreed that the increasing demands of educated labor, required the establishment of such an institution.

Such an institution, to be of any consider- able value, must attain the highest degree of perfection which is possible. This can be done without a liberal appropriation of money.

This College is in the hands of a board of trustees elected by the Legislature, consisting of fourteen gentlemen, being one from each county, and the responsibility of its success or failure is in the hands of the state. It cannot be ignored by the State legislature.

Two classes are already full this year. The second class enters upon its third year, and we must have room for a new class to take the place of the present first. It is designed to give four years and to do that success- fully, we must have four classes; we must have room to accommodate them; we must have text books for instructors and pupils; we must have philosophical and astronomical apparatus to illustrate the greatest sciences which these names embrace; in a word, we must have the means of education before we can have success; you must not ask us to make picks without straw.

President Clark then enumerated the wants of the College: a building to contain an Agricultural Museum; State Cabinet Lecture rooms; and rooms for philosophical, astronomical, engineering and drawing apparatus; also for a Chapel Hall and Library; his building he estimated would cost \$40,000.

A Drill Hall and Armory as the College is equipped to instruct in military tactics.

A Reservoir for supply of water for cul- tural purposes and also in case of fire, as there are no wells on the premises, and living water cannot be reached except at great depth.

Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus; the College has none.

A barn and agricultural machinery for carrying on the farming purposes.

The President enumerated other things which the College needed, but these are in- dispensable.

Hon. T. Marshall P. Wilder followed Presi- dent Clark, and all that he said and acting upon the Legislature in behalf of the people to make this institution a credit to the Con- gress, the College, and the people.

Mr. Harrington, of Barnstable, followed Wilder.

The report of Adjutant General James A. Cunningham for the year 1868 shows that of number of enlisted militia in Massachusetts is 169,167, which is a great increase over the year 1867. The number of companies organized in the service is 245. The volunteers consist of four batteries of light artillery, six companies of cavalry, and nearly four of infantry. Six companies of infantry were organized during the year, and four disbanded.

The military appropriation for the year amounted to \$176,000, and the expenditures to \$164,327, leaving \$11,673 un- expended. The first value of the Record of the Soldiers in the War has been completed and is ready for delivery. It will require about a year longer to complete the second volume.

Grant is eighteen years older than Eu- gene.

Lynn thinks of a public Hall.

The Transcript is to be erected a new building.

The Boston Journal is to be published.

A conspiracy is believed to have formed to assassinate the life of Grant.

Napoleon is eighteen years older than Eu- gene.

Three hundred Frenchmen in New York have been arrested on a charge of plotting to burn the city.

The Illinois Legislature is taking steps to protect the railroads of that State.

Gen. Grant is going to try the plan of Willian Penn on the Indians.

John Bright favors the plan of ocean peony.

Gen. Duke, of Cuba, has issued orders to his volunteers to take no prisoners.

Sergeant of the guard in Spain just now

everybody and everything is expected to strike in New York, this Spring, even to the public and private clocks.

The Great Ox—Gen. Grant—followed the distinguished career of the General in the inauguration of Thursday.

Hon. Walter Brooke, an ex-member of Congress, from Mississippi, was strangled to death, by his son, in New Orleans, Louisiana, from Northern, and sink.

Sir Eliza and Rosanna, Prince from Coal, was driven, with coal, was driven, with coal, and night of 2d inst, of Alexandria, and remained in the city until the morning of the 3d.

Gen. Grant is to be made a general in the army.

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**MONEY AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS.**

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